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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
OCTOBER 3, 1973:

QUOTE: AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY: A QUESTION CAME UP HERE
YESTERDAY, IN LIGHT OF AN ACTION IN THE CONGRESS -- I
BELIEVE IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION -- WHICH COMMENTED ON
THE RECENT EVENTS IN VIENNA AUSTRIA, WITH RESPECT TO THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR -- MR. HUMES, FIRST NAME: JOHN.

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, THE RESOLUTION, IN PART, ASKED FOR
THE RECALL OF OUR AMBASSADOR.

I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE COMING
BACK TO THE UNITED STATES. COINCIDENTALLY, HE HAD BEEN
PLANNING TO COME-BACK FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS. HE ASKED THE
DEPARTMENT IF THERE WAS ANY OBJECTION TO HIS RETURNING AT
THIS TIME AND WAS TOLD NO, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANS
THAT HE HAD HAD APPARENTLY FOR A WHILE, BUT THAT WE
PROBABLY WILL ASK HIM TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR CON-
SULTATION.

Q. I TAKE IT THAT FROM YOUR BRIEF STATEMENT ON

AMBASSADOR HUMES THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CONSIDERING
THE RECALL OF THE AMBASSADOR.

A. WE HAVE NOT RECALLED THE AMBASSADOR IN ANY MANNER OR
FORM THAT CAN BE REGARDED AS A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST. HE
WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COMING BACK HERE IF IT HADN'T BEEN
THAT HE HAD HIS OWN PRIVATE AND PERSONAL REASONS FOR A
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TRIP AT THIS TIME. BUT, CLEARLY, WHILE HE'S IN THE
UNITED STATES, IT MADE SENSE TO HAVE HIM COME TO WASHINGTON
AT SOME POINT FOR SOME CONSULTATION. BUT I WANT TO
EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS NOT A RECALL, IN THAT SENSE.

Q. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN SAY ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT
OR INFORMATION THAT'S REQUIRED ABOUT ALTERNATE ROUTES
OR CAMPS FOR THE SOVIET JEWS COMING OUT, SEEKING NEW

PLACES?

A. THERE ISN'T MUCH THAT I COULD SAY, YOU KNOW, WITH ANY CONFIDENCE, THAT WE WOULD KNOW WILL ENSUE. I SUPPOSE OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE CHANCELLOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TAKE OVER THE CENTER AND ITS APPARATUS IS AN IDEA OF SOME, YOU KNOW, INTEREST; BUT THERE WOULD INHERENTLY BE SOME CONSIDERATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

ONE, FOR EXAMPLE: ARE THESE PERSONS, IN A LITERAL SENSE, REFUGEES, AS DEFINED BY THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE UN FOR REFUGEES?

TWO: WOULD THE -- AS I UNDERSTAND IT -- THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- WHICH SETS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER -- AGREE THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF ENTERPRISE THAT FITS UNDER HIS MANDATE?

WE, I'M SURE, WILL BE IN SOME DISCUSSION WITH UN OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO THIS.

I TALKED TO THE SECRETARY ABOUT THIS THIS MORNING; AND WE HAVE NOT, UNILATERALLY, PROPOSED ANY SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVES. WE DON'T FEEL THAT WE HAVE ALL WISDOM HERE BUT I'D WANT TO SAY THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, BOTH MORALLY AND MATERIALLY, ANY ALTERNATIVE THAT THE MOST DIRECTLY INTERESTED PARTIES COULD AGREE ON.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FLOW OF THE EMIGRES OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS CONTINUED AT THE PACE THAT EXISTED BEFORE LAST WEEK-END. BUT, APPARENTLY, WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT ONCE THEY REACH VIENNA, THEY ARE MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY

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THEN MOVED ON TO AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR ISRAEL.

Q. THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED THE TERRORIST RAID IN VIENNA, OR IN AUSTRIA. WHAT IS OUR VIEW ON THAT?

A. FOR THE MOMENT I HAVE NO COMMENT ON IT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BAGHDAD, SANAA.

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